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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FIJI PRIME MINISTER TO SENEGAL

1. PRIME MINISTER RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA, HIS WIFE, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF FONMIN KOTOBALAVU, FIJIAN CHARGE IN BRUSSELS, MCGEEVER VISITED SENEGAL FROM MAY 11 TO 14. DELEGATION HAD TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF AND OTHER SENEGALESE OFFICIALS. IT VISITED NUMBER OF TOURIST SITES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. PRIME MINISTER MARA WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR. AT CLOSE OF VISIT SENEGAL AND FIJI ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. AT SPEECHES DURING DINNER GIVEN BY ABDOU DIOUF, TWO PRIME MINISTERS ACKNOWLEDGED BONDS BETWEEN FIJI AND SENEGAL WITHIN ACP-EEC ASSOCIATION AND STRESSED THEIR IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS FACING LDCS.

FINAL COMMUNIQUE MADE
FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS:

A. FIJI AND SENEGAL WILL EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL;

B. TWO COUNTRIES AFFIRMED FAITH IN ACP-EEC ASSOCIATION AND CALLED FOR RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION OF LOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY NOTED THAT CONVENTION CONTRIBUTES TO A SOLUTION OF PROBLEM

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OF STABILIZING RAW MATERIALS PRICES;

C. TWO COUNTRIES NOTED SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM MUST ENTAIL RECOGNITION OF PALESTINE NATIONAL REALITY (FAIT NATIONAL PALESTINIAN).

D. WITH REGARD SOUTHEAST ASIA, TWO PRIME MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION END OF WAR;

E. TWO PRIME MINISTERS ALSO AFFIRMED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA SOUTH AFRICA.

3. DURING VISIT IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT SENEGAL MAKING AVAILABLE TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIJIANS TO LEARN FRENCH.

4. COMMENT: NEUTRAL REMARKS ON SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTRAST WITH REMARKS IN JOINT MALIAN-SENEGALESE COMMUNIQUE EARLIER THIS WEEK CONGRATULATING CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ON THEIR VICTORY.
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